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**Music and jazz was a big part of the Harlem Renaissance. Before the Harlem Renaissance, many African Americans struggled through difficult times. It was the end of the civil war and the African American was enslaved and lived in the south. But at the late 1870s the whites managed to regain power in the south with things like the Jim Crow laws. Because of that many African Americans was left the south to go to north for better opportunities that the south was not give African Americans. That was the Great Migration.**

**When the music and jazz start playing a big role in the Harlem Renaissance. With the end of WW1 and money allot of people was try find a way of peace. For black it was jazz and music. A place in Harlem was the Cotton Club the biggest club in Harlem. It was all different kind African American celebrity and artists like people Cole Porter, Bing Crosby, Doris Duke and jazz player like Lena Home, Duke Ellington, and Cab Calloway in the Cotton Club.**